(b) if so, to what extent Government have succeeded in apprehending such unscrupulous agents during the past five years;

(c) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the number of such agents and action taken by the Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement by PM on his Visit to Israel

3325. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hon'ble Prime Minister has made a statement during his visit to Israel that diplomatic relations between India and Israel were delayed because of Muslim vote-bank in India;

(b) if so, what are the basis of making such a statement;

(c) whether it is also a fact that hon'ble Prime Minister said in his statement that to have relations with Israel and the eastern countries, the previous Government in India was the reason to delay in establishing full-fledged relations between India and Israel; and

(d) if so, whether it is proper to make such a statement in the third country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) Do not arise as Prime Minister did not visit Israel.

Arab Ambassadors resentment over the remarks made by Ministers

3326. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Arab Ambassadors in the capital have expressed recently their resentment over the remarks of the Ministers of External Affairs and Home Affairs during their visit to Israel in June 2000; and